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Minutes
SMA Technical Committee Meeting
May 1, 2013
The Stanley Hotel
Estes Park, Colorado

1. Darrell Flocken called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM.

SMATC Members present: Chair Darrell Flocken (Mettler-Toledo), Vice Chair Lou Straub (Fairbanks Scales), Paul Becquart (HBM), Paul Lewis (Rice Lake Weighing Systems), Rob Upright (Vishay) Frank Rusk (Coti-Global), Tom Jones (Hobart) for Nigel Mills

SMATC Members Not Present: Mitchell Eyles (Flintec)

SMA Members Present: Stephen Langford (Cardinal Scale), Evan Foisy (Sartorius), Nick Parsons (Sartorius), Bill Fischer (Emery Winslow), Richard Shipman (Rice Lake Weighing Systems), Douglas Bohlin (Flintec), Jon Heinlein (Transcell)

Guests: Luciano Burtini (Measurement Canada)

2. Approval of minutes from January Teleconference Meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the January, 2013 meeting of the SMATC.

3. Adoption of today's agenda

It was moved, seconded, and carried to combine the Executive Session with open Agenda. The "combined agenda" was adopted. This "combined agenda" will apply to this meeting only.

4. Old Business

- 4.1. Review NCWM Agenda of S&T Committee

The SMATC reviewed the NCWM Pub 16 S&T agenda and developed proposed SMA positions on the various items. Proposed positions will be presented to the SMA membership for approval on Friday, May 3.

- 4.2. Current status of NTEP Conformity Assessment Progress

Steve Langford provided the TC members with a brief update on VCAP. He reviewed the next VCAP device and provided some data on the number of CC's made inactive from initial load cell audits.

5. New Business (updates)

- 5.1. California Regulations for “unattended weighing”
- 5.2. Changes to Illinois W&M Law
- 5.3. Montana House Bill on Split-weighing
- 5.4. Status of Memphis W&M Program

Lou Straub provided a brief update on the above items. All the items were related to ongoing activities involving those Weights and Measures Programs.

6. Report/Discussion of Outside Activities

6.1. NCWM Associate Members Committee (AMC) Report

Paul Lewis will move into the Chairman’s position of the AMC on July 1, 2013. Paul provided an update on their activities.

6.2. NCWM BOD Update

Steve Langford is an at-large member of the NCWM Board of Directors (BOD). Steve discussed a variety of BOD activities: NCWM Strategic Plan, Uniform training – 2 new exams added, NCWM revenue and stewardship efforts, Membership numbers, Online position form, new NCWM website launched on May 1, and upcoming meeting dates for the NCWM Annual and Interim Meetings.

7. NTEP

7.1. NTETC Weighing Sector

7.1.1. Location, date and times of the 2013 meeting

The meeting will be held August 27 – 28, 2013 at the Best Western Albany Airport - Albany, NY.

7.2. NTETC Software Sector

The Sector met, but a report was not available to review with our members.

7.3. New SMA Map – Link to State Rules & Regulations

No activity reported

7.4. W&M Directors Question Program – Question Selection

A discussion was held with SMA members present and three questions were selected for the roundtable discussions to be held at each regional W&M Conference in 2013.

7.5. SMA Scorecard for 2013

Lou Straub provided a brief explanation of the history of the SMA scorecard and offered to email any SMA member a copy.

8. International

- 8.1. Mutual Recognition (MAA)
- 8.2. US/Canada
- 8.3. US/OIML

Darrell Flocken reported that some SMA members had received a questionnaire from OIML on how the MAA is working. Some issues were reported with US/Canada concerning the acceptance of test data for Class 1 instruments. The problem is a difference in the test weights used by each country. Both parties are working to resolve this issue.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SMATC will be a conference call. It will be scheduled before the NCWM Annual Meeting in July.

10. Adjournment - Please see below

Executive Session

1. Review, Update and/or develop a Recommended SMA Positions on NCWM Agenda Items – see Item 4.1 above.
2. NTEP VCAP Implementation – see Item 4.2 above.
3. Technical Committee – Member terms

The following SMA members have been recommended to serve/fill terms on the SMATC: Jon Heinlein, Paul Lewes, Tom Jones, and Darrell Flocken.

4. New Business – None reported
5. Development of standard work and responsibilities of TC Chair and Chair-elect – Darrell Flocken explained the need to define responsibilities of the these two positions. Darrel and Lou Straub will continue to work on this item.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM.

Calendar of Meetings 2013

SMA Annual Meeting Estes Park, CO	May 1-3, 2013	The Stanley Hotel
NEWMA Annual Meeting Saratoga Springs, NY	May 6-9, 2013	Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs
CWMA Annual Conference Overland Park, KS	May 20-23, 2013	Doubletree by Hilton
NCWM 98th Annual Meeting Louisville, KY	July 14-18, 2013	The Seelbach Hilton Louisville
NTEP Weighing Sector Albany, NY	August 27-28, 2013 (Tues 1-5p Sector / Wed 8a-5p)	Best Western Albany Airport
WWMA Annual Meeting Kalispell, MT	September 22-26, 2013	Hilton Garden Inn
CWMA Interim Conference TBA	September, 2013	TBA
NTEP Measuring Sector Charleston, WV	October 4-5, 2013	Embassy Suites Charleston
SWMA Annual Meeting Charleston, WV	October 7-8, 2013	Embassy Suites Charleston
NEWMA Interim Meeting Norwich, CT	October 16-17, 2013	Holiday Inn Norwich
SMA Fall Meeting TBA	November 6-8, 2013	TBA
NCWM Interim Meeting Albuquerque, NM	January 19-22, 2014	Hotel Albuquerque